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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 16, 2004. Reconsideration, entry of the amendment and continued examination are respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.

Please amend the application as follows: